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SUBJECT: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AND UN OBSERVATION OF MARIANAS

PLEBISCITE: SOVIET PARTICIPATION

REF: A. STATE 120354; B. USUN 1689

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED POINTS PARA 2 REF A AS NON-PAPER TO LOZINSKIY, ACTING CHIEF OF THE SOVIET MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, ON FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 23. EMBOFF STRESSED URGENCY OF MATTER IN VIEW OF JUNE 17 DATE FOR MARIANAS PLEBISCITE.

2. LOZINSKIY SAID THAT U.S. VIEWS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND REFERRED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR DECISION, BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WHEN ANSWER COULD BE EXPECTED. HE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT MOSCOW MIGHT DECIDE NOT TO TAKE PART BY SAYING THAT SOVIET VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF THE TRUST TERRITORIES ARE WELL KNOWN, AND DIFFER FROM OURS.

3. LOZINSKIY'S ASSISTANT, IVAN NEKLESSA (REF B), MADE THE POINT MORE EXPLICIT BY SAYING THAT MOSCOW OPPOSED THE SEPARATION OF THE MARIANAS FROM THE REST OF THE TRUST

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TERRITORY AND THE PARALLEL TALKS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE

DIFFERENT PARTS. MOSCOW, HE SAID, FAVORS THE EARLIEST INDEPENDENCE FOR ALL NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES. HE SAID THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE 1973 MISSION WAS NOT COMPARABLE SINCE THAT HAD BEEN A ROUTINE OBSERVATION MISSION AND, UNLIKE THE PRESENT MISSION, DID NOT IMPLY SUPPORT FOR THE PLEBISCITE. LOZINSKIY INTERRUPTED AT THIS POINT TO REITERATE THAT THE U.S. POSITION WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND THAT MOSCOW WOULD INFORM US WHEN A DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS WERE CORDIAL, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT FROM NEKLESSA'S REMARKS THAT HE, AT LEAST, DOES NOT SUPPORT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE OBSERVATION MISSION.
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